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CRACK PROPAGATION STOPS FOR DICING OF PLANAR

LIGHTWAVE CIRCUIT DEVICES

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2003. A petition for a three month extension of time is hereby made. The fee for a three month extension of time for a small entity may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this paper.